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SUBJECT: COTONOU SUMMER '74 INTERN

PA/PS FOR MARY ANN YODEN FROM ABASSADOR

REF: (A) COTONOU 121

(B) YODEN LETTER OF JANUARY 24

1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR CHOICES IN RANK ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM CHOSED FROM AMONG THOSE CANDIDATES FORWARDED IN REFERENCED LETTER: (1) CRAIG B. ANDREWS, GEORGETOWN; (2) LINDA G. HUDAK, PRINCETON; (3) WILLIAM CARTER, PRINCETON. ASSUME GEORGETWON WOULD PAY TRANSPORT OR MONEY COULD BE FOUND FROM SOME OTHER SOURCE SHOULD ANDREWS BE CHOSEN. EMBASSY WOULD SUPPLY HOUSING AND PAY INTERN \$600-\$800 PER MONTH BASED ON ACADEMIC AND PAST WORK EXPERIENCE. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE LISTED CANDIDATES, ALSO WOULD LIKE CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN ANY CANDIDATES PROPSSED BY PROFESSOR MAQZ OF YALE (REFTEL "A").

2. PROJECT WILL BE EVALUATION EMBASSY'S SELF-HELP PROGRAM WHICH HAS COMPLETED OVER 200 PROJECTS DURING PAST SEVEN YEARS WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF ABOUT \$100-125,000. PHILOSOPHY OF PROGRAM IS TO PCLP DAHOMEANS HELP THEMSELVES. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, VILLAGE DESIRES THREE-ROOM SCHOOL AND IS WILLING PROVIDE VOLUNTARY LABOR AND MATERIALS THAT CAN BE OBTAINED LOCALLY AT LITTLE OR NO COST, WE PROVIDE FUNDS (USUALLY ABOUT \$2-3,000) FOR PURCHASE OF CEMENT, REINFORCING RODS, WOOD, ETC. OTHER THAN SMALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, PROGRAM HAS HELPED FINANCE

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SUCH PROJECTS AS DISPENSARIES, MATERNITIES, VILLAGE WELLS,

DAMS, BRIDGES AND ACCESS ROADS.

3. INTERN WILL BE REQUIRED VISIT PROJECTS COMPLETED AND NOW UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE SUCH QUESTIONS AS: (1) IS FACILITY STILL OPERATING? (2) IS US STILL IDENTIFIED WITH PROJECT? (3) DOES PROJECT CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF DAHOMEY? (4) HAS THERE BEEN OVEREMPHASIS IN HEALTH AND EDUCATIONS PROJECTS? (5) IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT POPULATION REALLY WANTED AND CONTINUES TO BENEFIT FROM PROJECT?

4. IN ADDITION TO VISITS TO PROJECTS, INTERN WOULD ALSO INTERVIEW DAHOMEAN OFFICIALS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGNERS TO GET INFORMED OPINION ON EFFICACY OF PROGRAM. ON THE BASIS OF THESE VISITS AND INTERVIEWS, HE WOULD COMPOSE REPORT EVALUATING EXISTING PROGRAM AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITS FUTURE ORIENTATION.
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